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Lt. Governor Kinder Announces Shelters to Aide Evacuated Citizens Along the Mississippi River

JEFFERSON CITY - Lt. Governor Peter Kinder, in his role as acting governor, today along with the Department of Social Services announced shelter operations in communities along the Mississippi River impacted by flooding.

"I understand how frustrating the last week has been for Missourians, especially those who have had to evacuate," Lt. Governor Kinder said. "The Department of Social Services is coordinating with the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross to ensure Missourians displaced have a warm bed and a hot meal to eat during these trying times."

"As the flooding continues to threaten homes and communities, I encourage those who are being forced out of their homes to take refuge at the shelters in their area. Our employees are working closely with volunteer agencies to open and staff shelters to assure those in need have a safe place to stay during this crisis," said DSS Director Deborah Scott. "Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who are being affected and experiencing loss."

For continually updated shelters visit www.dss.mo.gov. The following is the most updated list of shelters broken down by county at this time:

Lewis County, Activities Rec. Center, One College Hill, Canton, MO, 573-288-6644

Pike County, Episcopal Church, Howard & 3rd, Clarksville, MO 63336, 573-242-3483

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